

**QUIZ**

For use with "Can ISIS Be Stopped?" on p. 8 of the magazine

# Can ISIS Be Stopped?

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

**CHECK COMPREHENSION**

**1. ISIS began as**

- a an affiliate of the terrorist group Al Qaeda.
- b a branch of the Syrian military.
- c a loosely organized group of social media users.
- d a Muslim sect known as the Alawites.

**2. ISIS views the governments of Iraq and Syria as enemies mainly because these governments**

- a are led by Sunni Muslims.
- b are led by Shiite Muslims.
- c have forged close alliances with the United States.
- d have recently claimed land that ISIS views as part of its own long-held territory.

**3. Which of these is true of the U.S. response to ISIS?**

- a The U.S. and its allies sent ground troops to fight ISIS last summer.
- b Until the recent ISIS attacks in Paris, the U.S. and its allies had agreed not to take action against ISIS.
- c The U.S. and its allies have been conducting airstrikes on ISIS targets since 2014.
- d none of the above

**4. What leads some experts to believe ISIS could be defeated on a battlefield, according to the article?**

- a The group is extremely disorganized.
- b The group has no source of funding other than the terrorists' own money.
- c The group lacks an air force and sophisticated weaponry.
- d all of the above

**ANALYZE THE TEXT**

**5. You can infer from the text that a *caliphate* is**

- a a group of people with no homeland.
- b a government that advocates violence and terrorism.
- c a type of temporary government.
- d a state that is both political and religious.

**6. Which quotation from the text best helps clarify the meaning of *caliphate*?**

- a "... it attracted fighters from all over the world."
- b "... it also feeds off centuries of sectarian strife ..."
- c "There, it has imposed laws based on a strict interpretation of Islam."
- d "... it's also made it clear that it intends to wage a holy war with the West."

**7. The author's main purpose in discussing Syria's civil war is to**

- a demonstrate that ISIS is not the only group inciting violence in the Middle East.
- b explain how ISIS was able to become so powerful.
- c suggest that ISIS could soon launch attacks there.
- d none of the above

**8. The author notes that tensions are running high over how to deal with ISIS and the situation in Syria. An example of such tensions is that**

- a Shiite-led Iran has backed ISIS, angering the U.S.
- b several presidential candidates have criticized President Obama for being too aggressive against ISIS.
- c Russia thinks Bashar al-Assad should remain in power in Syria, but many other nations strongly disagree.
- d all of the above

**IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS** Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

**9. What are the goals of the international coalition that formed after the Paris attacks? How are these goals interrelated?**

**10. How was the ISIS-linked attack in San Bernardino, California, different from the ISIS attacks in Paris? What do you think the U.S. government can do to try to prevent attacks like the one in San Bernardino?**